

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/002,811
Applicant : Aaron L. Strand
Filed : November 2, 2001
Title : Punch Device For Creating A Guide Notch In A
Polymeric Fastener Attached To A Plastic Package

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Examiner : Stephen Choi

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a "Response To Restriction Requirement" for this application.

The Applicant is other than a small entity.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

The Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. This conditional petition is being made, however, to provide for the possibility that the Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

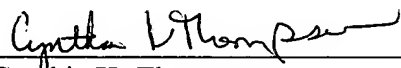
	Claims Remaining	Highest No. Paid For	Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity
Total	20	40	0 x	\$ 9 = \$	\$ 18 = \$ 0
Independent	3	6	0 x	\$ 42 = \$	\$ 84 = \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$ 140 = \$	\$ 280 = \$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ 0

There is no additional fee for claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47097-01100). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 4, 2003



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by September 13, 2003, and this response is being filed within that time period. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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